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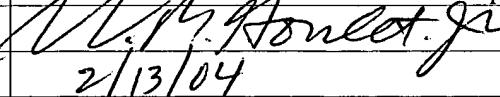
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Name	Wally Goulet, Vice President and General Counsel National Information Solutions Cooperative, Inc.
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Date	2/13/04

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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**Applicant/Patent Owner: Brian K. Fettig, et al.Application No./Patent No.: 10/708,013 Filed/Issue Date: February 2, 2004Entitled: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT OF POINT-OF-SALE AND ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLENational Information Solutions Cooperative, Inc., a corporation

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

2/13/04  
DateWally Goulet

Typed or printed name

Wally Goulet  
SignatureVice President and General Counsel

Title

## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Brian K. Fettig, a resident of Bismarck, North Dakota; Jay N. Schlenker, a resident of Bismarck, North Dakota; Paul F. Fitterer, a resident of Bismarck, North Dakota; Varsha A. Kumar, a resident of Bismarck, North Dakota; and Mark O. Momerak, a resident of Bismarck, North Dakota (hereinafter referred to as "Assignors"), are the inventors of a certain new and useful invention relating to a **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT OF POINT-OF-SALE AND ACCOUNTS** for which application for Letters Patent has been made as U.S. Patent Application No. 10/708,013 that was filed on February 2, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Assignors are the owners and in full possession of the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any and all Letters Patent that may be granted therefor; and

WHEREAS, National Information Solutions Cooperative, Inc., a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of North Dakota, (hereinafter referred to as "Assignee"), having its principal office and place of business at 4178 N. Service Road, St. Peters, Missouri 63376, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any and all Letters Patent that may be granted therefor; and

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (U.S. \$1.00) and other valuable considerations to Assignors paid by said Assignee, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignors do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any and all Letters Patent, both United States and foreign, that may be granted therefor, together with any and all continuations, divisions, or reissues, and Assignors do hereby authorize and request the United States

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue in accordance with this Assignment any and all Letters Patent that may be granted, either on said application or otherwise for said invention.

This Assignment is effective as of February 2, 2004

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Assignor has hereunto set his hand and seal.

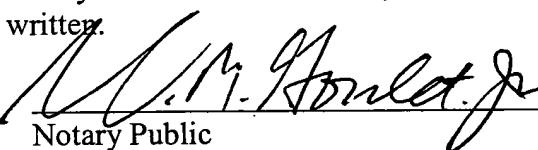
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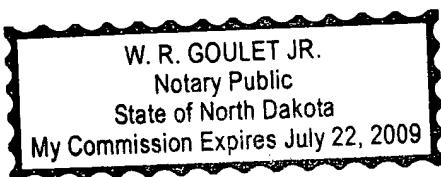
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On this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2004, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Brian K. Fettig to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto attached my hand and notarial seal, at the County and State aforesaid on the day and year last above written.

  
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Notary Public

My Commission Expires:



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Assignor has hereunto set his hand and seal.

Dated: 2-5-04

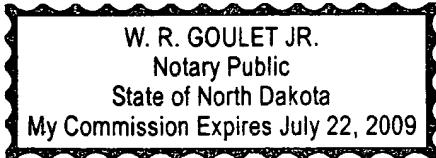
Jay N. Schlenker

On this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February 2004, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Jay N. Schlenker to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto attached my hand and notarial seal, at the County and State aforesaid on the day and year last above written.

## Notary Public

## My Commission Expires:



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Assignor has hereunto set his hand and seal.

Dated:

2/9/04



Paul F. Fitterer

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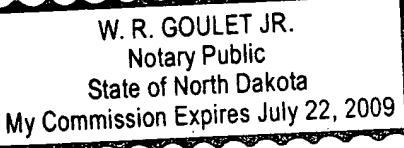
On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2004, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Paul F. Fitterer to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto attached my hand and notarial seal, at the County and State aforesaid on the day and year last above written.



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My Commission Expires:



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Assignor has hereunto set his hand and seal.

Dated: 2/6/2004

*Varsha*  
Varsha A. Kumar

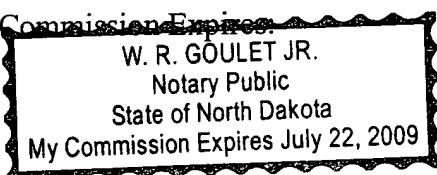
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On this 6 day of February, 2004, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Varsha A. Kumar to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that she executed the same as her free act and deed.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto attached my hand and notarial seal, at the County and State aforesaid on the day and year last above written

*W.M. Goulet Jr.*  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Assignor has hereunto set his hand and seal.

Dated: 2/13/04

Mark O. Momerak  
Mark O. Momerak

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COUNTY OF )

On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 2004, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Mark O. Momerak to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto attached my hand and notarial seal, at the County and State aforesaid on the day and year last above written.

W.R. Goulet Jr.  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:  
W.R. GOULET JR.  
Notary Public  
State of North Dakota  
My Commission Expires July 22, 2009